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flexible strip selected so when said strip of elastic fabric engages the top surface of said lid and the strips of non-elastic fabric are attached to the handles of the garbage can, the lid of the garbage can will be retained on the garbage can with sufficient force to hold the lid on the can against efforts of animals to dislodge the lid, and a handle formed from fabric, the width of said handle not greater than the width of said narrow strip of elastic fabric for compactness in storage when the garbage can lid retainer is rolled-up, said handle secured to the center part of said narrow strip of elastic fabric whereby the garbage can lid retainer can be pulled over the lid until it embraces the side of the garbage can in a convenient location when the lid of the garbage can is removed.

2. The garbage can lid retainer described in claim 1 wherein said means attached to said strips of non-elastic fabric for releaseable attachment to the handles of the garbage can and for varying the length of the garbage

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can lid retainer comprise pairs of snaps on at least one of the strips of non-elastic fabric for varying the size of the loops whereby the effective length of the garbage can lid retainer can be adjusted.

3. The garbage can lid retainer described in claim 1 wherein said means attached to said strips of non-elastic fabric for releaseable attachment to the handles of the garbage can and for varying the length of the garbage can lid retainer comprise a plurality of holes in at least one of the non-flexible strips, a hook, one part of the hook releaseably attached to one of said holes, the other part adapted to be attached to a handle on the garbage can, whereby the garbage can lid retainer can be releaseably attached to said garbage can and the effective length of the garbage can lid retainer can be varied by selecting the hole that said one part of the hook is attached to.

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